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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington. DC 20515-4006

April 20, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Walk Bike Columbia in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The sponsor for this project is the City of Columbia, South Carolina and the project is located at:

Citywide Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Congressional Districts SC-06 and SC-02

The funding will be used to construct and implement bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure identified in the Walk Bike Columbia Master Plan.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because it will enhance walkability. rideability, and transportation safety across the city of Columbia. South Carolina currently ranks 2nd in the nation for walking mode share but 45th for walking fatality rates. Richland County has a pedestrian fatality rate of 2.3 per 100,000 people, the worst in the state. Implementation of Walk Bike Columbia calls for construction and implementation of a wide array of improvements, ranging from trails and bike lanes to improved sidewalks and pedestrian crossings.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

James E. Clyburn

Member of Congress (SC-06)